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Coordinating Prevention, expands agency participation in development of the comprehensive prevention plan, adds additional duties, and consolidates responsibility for prevention activities by eliminating responsibility for prevention from the Comprehensive Services Executive Council. This is a recommendation of the Joint Subcommittee Studying the Future Delivery of Publicly Funded Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services (HJR 240). HB 1294; CH. 622.

§§ 2.1-1.7, 2.1-51.21 and 9-6.25:1 amended; §§ 9-329.1 through 9-329.5 added. Statewide Workforce Training Council. Establishes the 25-member Statewide Workforce Training Council to assist the Commonwealth in meeting workforce training needs. Its membership includes various state officials involved in education, technology, and business, and 18 citizens representing business, industry, and proprietary schools. The Council is to (i) identify current and emerging workforce needs of the business community, (ii) assess potential markets for increasing the number of workers available to business and industry, (iii) forecast and identify training requirements for the new workforce, (iv) create strategies that will match trained workers with available jobs, and (v) certify courses and programs of training as appropriate and responding to the needs of business and industry in the Commonwealth. This measure is a recommendation of the HJR 622 Joint Subcommittee to Study Noncredit Education for Workforce Training in the Commonwealth. Also provides for the establishment of regional workforce training centers at institutions in the Community College System. In addition, the Council is required to provide an annual report to the Governor. HB 851; CH. 899.

§ 9-6.25:1. See § 3.1-1104; HB 1174/SB 681.

§§ 9-6.25:1, 9-341, 9-342, 9-343 and 9-346 amended; §§ 9-330 through 9-333 repealed. Virginia Competition Council; private enterprise. Transfers the duties of Virginia's Private Enterprise Commission to the Virginia Competition Council. The Private Enterprise Commission currently reviews the practices of government agencies and nonprofit organizations, not including public and private colleges and universities, which may constitute inappropriate competition with private enterprise, including exemption from personal property, business and license taxes; reduced postage and interest rates; and volunteer labor and financial contributions. In addition, the bill adds certain definitions to clarify the duties of the Council and increases the membership from 10 to 15. The House of Delegates and the Senate will each have an additional member on the Council. From the private sector, the Speaker of the House will now appoint two members, rather than one; the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections two, rather than one; and the Governor three, rather than two. The bill further provides the provisions of § 9-346 shall not apply to transportation-related projects initiated under Chapter 22 (§ 56-556 et. seq.) of Title 56. HB 1301; CH. 881.

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§ 9-6.25:1. See § 2.1-1.6; SB 394.

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§§ 2.1-1.7 and 9-6.25:2 amended; §§ 9-145.21 through 9-145.29 repealed. Southside Virginia Marketing Council. Abolishes the 13-member Southside Virginia Marketing Council, established in 1992 to attract business prospects to the Southside region through regional marketing. HB 556; CH. 58.

§ 9-6.25:2. See § 54.1-300; HB 930.

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§ 9-6.25:3. See § 2.1-1.4; HB 667.

§ 9-14. See § 2.1-20.3; SB 442.

§§ 9-96 and 9-97 amended. Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation. Increases from four to five the number of members who are elected by the Board of Trustees and adds the president of the Jamestown-Yorktown Educational Trust as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation. The bill also empowers the Foundation to elect any past chairman of the Board to the honorary position of chairman emeritus, and provides that the chairmen emeriti serve for life but without voting privileges. Eff. 4/15/98. SB 381; CH. 589.

§§ 9-96 through 9-99. See § 23-287; SB 382.

§ 9-97. See § 11-45; HB 139.

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§§ 9-99.01 and 9-99.02 added. Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation. Requires certain agencies to designate a liaison to coordinate assistance and services to the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation in preparation for the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown. This bill also authorizes the Foundation to (i) solicit and accept donations of materials and services to defray expenses; (ii) retain nongeneral funds for expense reimbursement; (iii) procure goods and services with minimum requirements associated with the maximum delegated authority available to agencies or